

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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**May 20, 2003**

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**SUBJECT: JUVENILE DEPENDENCY COURT AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES BUILDING –  
AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AND FILE NOTICE OF COMPLETION**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Award a \$4,225,000 construction contract to Eberhardt Construction, Inc. of Apple Valley for the Juvenile Dependency Court & Children's Services Building in San Bernardino; and
2. Authorize the Director of the Architecture and Engineering (A&E) Department to file the Notice of Completion upon acceptance of the work.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The Juvenile Dependency Court is currently housed in modular-type trailers, located at 900 East Gilbert Street. The Juvenile Dependency Court faces several critical issues that require the construction of an expanded facility.

- 1) The facilities for the Juvenile Dependency Court and Children's Services (DCS) do not comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards;
- 2) Both the Court and DCS have outgrown their current facilities;
- 3) All heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems are in very poor condition;
- 4) The current facility lacks adequate parking for judges, attorneys, staff, and the public; and
- 5) Buildings lack proper security for court operation.

The original project scope was to construct an 8,000 square foot temporary facility utilizing either a pre-engineered or modular-type building with slab-on-grade construction, which would contain three courtrooms and accompanying area for court support functions. A budget of \$1,365,000 was allocated for this project.

A review and analysis conducted by A & E, Human Services System, and Superior Court concluded that many functions of DCS directly relate with those of the Juvenile Dependency Court. It was determined that a larger, combined facility would afford the most efficient, comprehensive, and convenient services to the public. Construction of a 28,000 square foot building with parking and other site improvements was proposed to provide the required space necessary for DCS, courtrooms and court support services. The facility will be constructed on approximately three acres of land, situated within the northwest quadrant of the former County Medical Center site.

On June 5, 2001, the Board approved additional appropriations of \$3,800,000 for construction costs and other expenditures related to this project for a total project cost of \$5,165,000. In addition, the Board approved a consultant contract with HMC Group, as the project architect for this project

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On September 10, 2002, the Board approved plans and specifications and authorized A&E to advertise for competitive bids for the construction of the Juvenile Dependency Court and Children's Services building. A & E advertised for competitive bids through the county website, local newspaper and trade journals. A pre-bid meeting was conducted on September 25, 2002, which was attended by eight bidders. On November 7, 2002, two bids were received. The firms submitting bids were Woodcliff Corporation, with a base bid of \$5,900,000, and J. Murrey Construction, with a base bid of \$6,417,000. The low bid was well in excess of the project's available construction budget.

A&E directed the HMC Group to evaluate the design in order to conform to the available budgetary amount. HMC value-engineered several architectural and engineering design features to bring construction costs within available budget while maintaining the full original intent and functionality of the project. Revisions to the plans and specifications were reviewed and approved by staff from A&E, Superior Court and Human Services System.

On February 27, 2003, the Board approved the revised plans and specifications and authorized A&E to re-advertise for competitive bids for the construction of the Juvenile Dependency Court and Children Services building. Two pre-bid meetings were conducted on March 12 and March 19, 2003, which were attended by a total of twelve prospective bidders. On April 24, 2003, eight bids were received. The firms submitting bids and their bid amounts are shown in the table below:

BIDDER	CITY/STATE	BID AMOUNT
Eberhardt Construction, Inc.	Apple Valley, CA	\$4,225,000
Perera Construction & Design	Ontario, CA	\$4,400,000
Rossetti Construction Co., Inc.	Ontario, CA	\$4,658,000
W. B. Construction, Inc.	Riverside, CA	\$4,895,000
J. Murrey Construction, Inc.	Redlands, CA	\$4,944,000
R. J. Daum Construction Co.	Garden Grove, CA	\$5,054,000
Adams/Mallory Construction Co., Inc.	Placentia, CA	\$5,117,385
Woodcliff Corporation	Sherman Oaks, CA	\$5,600,000

Eberhardt Construction, Inc. was selected on the basis of being the lowest responsible bidder.

This project is consistent with a County Administrative Office approved Capital Improvement Program request.

**REVIEW BY OTHERS:** This item has been coordinated with Eli Montoya, Department Contract Compliance Designee, on May 7, 2003; approved as to legal form by County Counsel (Jean-Rene Basle, Deputy County Counsel) on May 8, 2003; and reviewed by the County Administrative Office (Lynn Chacon and Mario Lara, Administrative Analysts) on May 8, 2003; Human Services System (Kris Letterman, Administrative Manager) on May 8, 2003; and the Department of Children's Services (Cathy Cimbalo, Director) on May 8, 2003.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** This project was originally funded in the FY 2000-01 Capital Improvement Program Budget in the amount of \$1,365,000 (construction-\$1,075,000; contingencies-\$103,500; design/project management/inspection-\$186,500). On June 5, 2001, the Board approved additional appropriations of \$3,800,000 for a total of \$5,165,000 (construction-\$4,313,000; contingencies-\$289,029; design/project management/inspection-\$562,971). Expenditures incurred in previous fiscal years were \$396,381 resulting in a carryover of \$4,768,619 into FY 2002-03. The project costs will be reimbursed by Justice Facility Reserve Funds (\$1,365,000) and HSS Realignment Funds (\$3,800,000).

**COST REDUCTION REVIEW:** The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and concurs with A&E's proposal and recommends this action. Delays in this project will result in future escalating costs, complaints from the public regarding ADA accessibility, and continued risk to the well-being of the public and staff due to lack of proper security within the current Juvenile Court operation.

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS:** Fifth.

**PRESENTER:** G. Daniel Ojeda, Director, A&E, 387-5025

Tressa Kentner, Court Executive Officer, Superior Court, 387-6401

Carol L. Anselmi, Asst. County Administrator, HSS, 387-4764

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